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Media Advisory

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New Partnership Will Innovate Medical Care to Skid Row's Homeless

A new partnership will be announced on Wednesday January 30th between the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Skid Row Housing Trust that will establish a DHS-run clinic and administrative site on the ground floor of the Star Apartments, a 102 unit Permanent Housing site for chronically homeless individuals with complex medical needs on Skid Row. The innovative residential complex will house identified high utilizers of DHS health services.

Announcement: **Wednesday, January 30, 2013
12pm – 2pm (Lunch Reception)**

Location: **240 E 6th St, Los Angeles, CA 90014-2117
(Trust Staff onsite to direct to event)**

Speakers: **Mitchell H. Katz, M.D., Director, DHS
Marc Trotz, Deputy Director, Housing for Health Division, DHS
Michael Alvidrez, Executive Director, Skid Row Housing Trust**

Background:

The Star Apartment building, designed by Michael Maltzan Architects, is slated to open in Summer 2013 and features cost-effective, pre-fabricated apartments that allow for 15,000 sq. ft of open space, including a track, basketball court, library and wellness center. The Skid Row Housing Trust will provide Case Management and Care Coordination for residents at the Star. DHS will offer primary care, mental health, and recovery services to Star residents and to chronically homeless individuals in and around Skid Row through direct services onsite. DHS will also relocate its new 'Housing for Health Division' to the Star site, improving agency awareness and coordination of programs and advocacy for homeless populations throughout the area.

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